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FOR: COAGULANT COMPOSITION )  
CONSISTING OF ORGANIC )  
COAGULANT OF BROWN ALGAE )  
AND INORGANIC COAGULANT )  
\_\_\_\_\_ )Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly enter the following amendment.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1. (Once amended) A coagulant composition which comprises

- 1) an inorganic coagulant comprising an aluminum component and a calcium component and
- 2) an organic coagulant comprising sea brown algae.

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Claim 2. (Once amended) The coagulant composition according to claim 1, wherein the inorganic coagulant comprises 0.1 to 5 parts by weight of the aluminum component and 90 parts by weight of the calcium component.

Claim 3. (Once amended) The coagulant composition according to claim 1 wherein the aluminum component is aluminum sulfate.